

## BLOCKADE IS OVER

BRITISH COMMANDER GIVES OFFICIAL NOTICE AT LAGUAYRA.

Populace of the Venezuelan Port is Wild with Joy Over the Termination of the Naval Siege.

SHIPS LEAVE FOR TRINIDAD

GOVERNMENT BEGINS IMMEDIATE CAMPAIGN AGAINST REBELS.

Large Amounts of Coffee from Venezuelan Plantations Await Shipment to the United States.

INDICATIONS OF ACTIVE TRADE

MANY SHIPS READY TO SAIL FOR VENEZUELAN PORTS.

Work on New Protocols Will Be Begun To-Day--Congratulations to Mr. Bowen--Other Developments.

CARACAS, Feb. 15--Since 8 o'clock yesterday morning the Venezuelans were waiting impatiently for the official intimation that the blockade had been raised. They knew that the blockade was to be raised, but no notification came during all yesterday. This morning the British man-of-war Tribune was still at Laguayra, enforcing the blockade and preventing the fishermen leaving the harbor.

At half-past 9 this morning the government inquired of the United States legation whether it had received any advice, and received a reply in the negative. The government was puzzled until 11 o'clock, when the news reached Caracas that the captain of the Tribune had notified the authorities at Laguayra that the blockade was raised. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Tribune left for Trinidad.

The news received from all the Venezuelan ports, except Cora and Higuerote, is that the foreign warships sailed away to-day. The government, immediately on receiving the news that the blockade had been raised, took military measures and sent troops in all directions to crush the revolution without giving the rebels a moment's respite.

LAGUAYRA, Venezuela, Feb. 15--The blockade has been officially raised. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune, the only warship here, sent an officer ashore this morning with the announcement that the blockade would leave this afternoon for Trinidad. The populace is wild with joy.

Cargoes Ready for Transit. WILLEMSTADT, Curacao, Feb. 15--There is great rejoicing among all classes here at the end of the Venezuelan blockade. Many sailing vessels that are lying in this port with cargoes for Venezuelan ports will leave to-morrow. A number of steamers are loading for the same destination. A great amount of coffee is awaiting transportation from Venezuela to the United States.

No one apparently is more glad at the raising of the blockade than the men on board the blockading squadron.

WORK ON NEW PROTOCOLS.

Minister Bowen and Solicitor Penfield Will Talk It Up To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15--Minister Bowen expects to begin the preparations of the protocols with the representatives of the United States, and the settlement of the claims of the citizens of those nations who have suffered as a result of the troubles in Venezuela. There are eight of these claimants, including the United States. The drawing up of the protocol with this government will be the first undertaken. Solicitor Penfield, of the State Department, will represent the United States in these negotiations with Mr. Bowen. Work on this protocol, it is expected, will begin to-morrow. Mr. Bowen's belief is that matters will move forward with greater rapidity than they did with the representatives of the United States, and that the negotiations with France will follow those of the United States, and are on the protocol with all the unaligned creditor nations are completed. The suggestion has been made that the United States naturally are opposed to any preferential treatment to Germany, Great Britain and Italy, that all probable claims of the United States and France will be lined up as representing the eight unaligned nations of the Hague as opposed to the United States.

Mr. Bowen continues to receive numerous congratulatory dispatches from Venezuela on the satisfactory outcome of his work here. One of those which prizes most highly is from the citizens of Laguayra, through Mr. Bowen, however, has informed all those who have spoken to him in the subject that the revolution here is entirely a diplomatic one and that he could not consider the financial features of the matter.

USED HAMMER AND SAW.

Hamilton, O., Man Killed His Wife in a Shocking Manner.

HAMILTON, O., Feb. 15--Samuel Keeler, a teamster aged forty, to-day killed his wife, aged thirty, in a most shocking manner, and then cut his own throat. He was considered insanely jealous. When his daughter Edith arose and told the fires he sent her back to bed, then locked the door to the bedroom and with a hammer killed his wife and afterward beheaded her body with a saw. He then cut his throat. While under arrest, he is cared for at the hospital and it was thought to-night that he would recover. Mrs. Keeler expressed the desire, this morning, to visit her sister, Mrs. Hill, at Madisonville, and this enticed Keeler so that he would not let her get up, and after a quarrel he killed her.

Young Woman Shot Down.

OIL CITY, Pa., Feb. 15--Mrs. Beulah Zillhoff, aged eighteen, was shot and mortally wounded while entering the back door of her father's home at Brady's Bend, last night. The party found Mrs. Zillhoff, aged twenty, is suspected of the crime. He is at large and so far attempts to locate him have failed. About two weeks ago Zillhoff was driven from home by his wife's father, because the latter claimed he had ill-treated his wife.

## UNABLE TO GO IN.

American Revenue Cutter Blocked by Ice from St. Lawrence Gulf.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 15--The United States revenue cutter Seminole, which is on her way to the Bay of Islands to cut out a number of ice-bound American fishing schooners, is still unable to enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the conditions are most unpromising. The Canadian naval schooner Stanley and Minto are already frozen up there, which is an indication of the probable fate of the Seminole, should she be caught in the ice. Captain Delaney, the master of the Newfoundland steamer Bruce, and the most experienced navigator in this region, believes that the Seminole will be unable to venture towards the Bay of Islands until the end of the winter, when the ice will melt off the shore.

HELD FOR GRAND LARCENY.

Three New York Officers of "Get-Rich-Quick" Syndicates.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15--On a short affidavit, charging them with grand larceny, the three men who were arrested by Central office detectives in raids on so-called "get-rich-quick" concerns in New York City were held in \$10,000 bail each in the Tombs Police Court to-day for examination to-morrow. The men arrested are Henry G. Cartwright, William Treadwell and Charles E. Goodrich. The affidavit on which the men were held charges them with grand larceny "on information given by several persons who complained that they feloniously obtained from them large sums of money with intent to defraud by color and title of false and fraudulent representations."

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

Continuance of Seismic Shocks in the State of Guerrero.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15--The State of Guerrero continues to report many and somewhat alarming earthquakes. That State has been shaking in parts for several years, and scientists are much interested in what may be the result of the continued commotion in the earth's crust. Chilpancingo, which a couple of years ago was almost destroyed by an earthquake, now reports another, which threw down houses, and caused much damage. The city of Chilpancingo, in the State of Guerrero, has been shaken by a series of earthquakes, and the people are generally frightened by the people.

"DOC" AMES ARRESTED

FORMER MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS IS TAKEN AT HANCOCK, N. H.

Sheriff of Hennepin County is En Route East for the Prisoner on Peremptory Order of the Court.

HANCOCK, N. H., Feb. 15--Broken in spirit, physically weak, and changed beyond recognition, Dr. Albert Alonzo Ames, formerly mayor of Minneapolis, who is wanted in that city on an indictment for attempted bribery, was discovered to-day in the home of a local minister, and placed under arrest by Sheriff Doane, of Manchester. So pitiful was his condition that he was not locked up, but left in charge of a deputy to await the arrival of officers from Minneapolis. After his arrest, however, Ames communicated with former United States District Attorney Charles J. Hamblett, of Nashua, and obtained his services for a fight which he says he will make against extradition.

Dr. Ames had been here for several weeks, although his presence was not known outside of the home of the Rev. C. H. Chapin, who received and sheltered him. Chapin is a sister of the woman who accompanied Dr. Ames and who is supposed to be his wife. The knowledge of this relationship probably led to his detection.

Sheriff Doane received a communication from Chief of Police J. W. Cregar, of Minneapolis, asking him to go to Hancock and see if Ames had sought refuge at the home of his sister-in-law. The sheriff came here and, after investigation, placed Ames under arrest.

Dr. Ames is wanted to answer to an indictment for attempted bribery, and also for defrauding his \$40,000 bail given at the time of his indictment. The prisoner is reported to have declared this afternoon that were he a well man he would have fought his way out of the charges, but that under the circumstances he will make a fight. Attorney Hamblett has been retained to defend Ames, and he is expected here to-morrow. Mr. Hamblett was informed to-day that Dr. Ames was on the verge of collapse.

As soon as the Minneapolis officers reach here, and they are expected on Tuesday, they will be taken before the Governor and Council. Developments to-night indicate that Dr. Ames still has many friends and abundant financial resources, and that every move to bring him to trial in Minneapolis will be bitterly contested.

Sheriff Is En Route East.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 15--Sheriff J. W. Cregar is on his way to New Hampshire, to take Dr. Ames into custody. Dr. Ames, the fugitive former mayor of Minneapolis, who defrauded his bail of \$40,000 and fled to Indiana and Kentucky and later to Hancock, N. H., where he has been some time. The authorities have known of his location for some time, but it was not until a peremptory order was given by Judge Harrison that steps were taken to have him returned to Minneapolis for trial. He is accused of offering bribes to county commissioners in order to have his secretary, T. R. Brown, elected sheriff to succeed former Sheriff Nagarsden, who was removed by the Governor for malfeasance, and also of accepting money from the same source to secure the election of these indictments. A sixth charge him with conspiracy.

Doctor Ames fled from the city in July and for a long time was at West Baden, Ind. When he was due to appear for trial he fled to Indiana, and was reported to have fled to Louisville, Ky., and was under surveillance there for about two weeks. He was then reported to have fled to Kentucky and was warned by some of his Minneapolis friends and fled to New Hampshire. He was then reported to have fled to Hancock, N. H., where a sister of his wife resides.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Engineer in the Far Northwest Found Dead in the Snow.

BATTLEFORD, N. W. T., Feb. 15--Engineer Vance, of the Canadian Pacific exploration party on the new line to Edmonton, was found frozen to death, near Lizard Lake, where he was exploring yesterday. He had sent his driver ahead with instructions to prepare a camp, and was following on snow shoes. He never reached camp, and his body was found by a party of men. The weather was bitterly cold, the thermometer registering 25 below zero.

## WRECKED A POLE

DYNAMITERS TRIED TO DESTROY TOLL LINE TELEPHONE CABLES.

Unexplained Outrage in the Heart of Warsaw Excites the Ire of Citizens, Who Are Without a Cleft.

PIONEER RIVER MAN IS DEAD

WILLIAM WOLF, A MADISON VETERAN OF THE MEXICAN WAR.

Wabash River Has Seventeen Feet of Water at Terre Haute, with Bottoms Covered to the Bluffs.

TRACTION LINE TO ST. LOUIS

BRAZIL-TERRE HAUTE SYSTEM IS WANTED AS A LINK.

Railroad Man Killed and Another Injured Near Elkhart--Costly Residence Fire at Warrick.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WARSAW, Ind., Feb. 15--Unknown persons attempted to destroy the line cables of the Commercial Telephone Company here at 5 o'clock this morning. Dynamite was inserted near the top of the pole where the cables lead into the office of the exchange, in the business center of the city. The explosion shattered a dozen windows in the Hotel Hays and near-by residences. The top section of the pole supporting the cables was smashed to pieces, but the cables were not damaged. The noise of the explosion attracted scores of citizens to the scene, most of whom appeared on the streets with rifles or other firearms, expecting to engage in battle with bank robbers and other lawless elements. The explosion was caused by dynamite inserted through the snow but lost the trail at the Pennsylvania station, whence it is thought they escaped from the city on a freight train.

The controlling interest in the telephone company is owned by Strauss Brothers, of Chicago. As there is no other competing line here, citizens are at a loss to understand the action of the dynamiters.

ESCAPED HIS CAPTORS.

Wabash Sophomore President Had a Strenuous Experience.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15--The sophomore and senior classes of Wabash College are "having a time" over the coming celebration of the birthday of Washington. On last Thursday evening the freshmen captured the president of the sophomore class, Andrew Thornley, and his whereabouts was not known until late last night, when he arrived in town, having escaped from his captors. The night of his disappearance he was placed in a buggy, blindfolded and tied, and taken to a farmhouse in the woods near the Shades of Death, twenty miles from here. Two freshmen stayed with him as a guard, and Thornley was kept in the house. When he was taken out to eat his feet were chained together and his guards were very careful of his movements.

In the meantime both classes were kept on the watch to guard against surprises from the other side. The sophomores were hunting for their lost man and the freshmen were keeping him from being spirited away. Yesterday a telegram was received from the sophomore president to come home at once on account of the sickness of his mother. As soon as it was found that the sophomore president was coming home at once on account of the sickness of his mother, the sophomores were relieved of their duty. The sophomore president was accompanied to the train by the police and sent home to his sick mother. By this time the freshmen were feeling that things were coming their way, and they got out a "bogi" on the sophomore president last night, but he escaped. The sophomore president upset the "bogi" and escaped.

Last evening about 5 o'clock during the absence of the freshmen guards from the room, the sophomore president was taken to the floor, jumped out of the window and escaped. The sophomores held a jubilation when he arrived in town.

Northwestern Bestirs Itself.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15--Northwestern University is out for the championship in Western college athletics, including baseball, football and track athletics. Reaching the low standing its teams had for several years, Northwestern has empowered Athletic director, Horace Butterworth, to raise a fund of several thousand dollars among alumni of the university. This sum will be increased by generous samples from the treasury of the university. For the first time in years athletics from the 3,000 students of Northwestern have been drawn into the 700 men in the college of liberal arts.

New Greek Letter Fraternity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15--A new Greek letter fraternity, named the Sigma Nu Phi, designed to embrace chapters in all the law schools of the United States, filed articles of incorporation yesterday. The membership will be confined entirely to undergraduates of law schools, alumni associations and the faculties. The incorporators are members of the faculty and undergraduates of the National University School of Law.

Dr. Hollister Has an Offer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15--Dr. O. M. Hollister, who recently resigned under pressure as director of athletics of Northwestern University, has been invited to become head coach of the University of Pennsylvania baseball team for the present season. Dr. Hollister received this call several days ago, but he has not made public reply to it. It is expected that Hollister will go back to his alma mater.

TRUNK LINE TO ST. LOUIS.

Traction Syndicate Wants to Buy Indiana Road as a Link.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 15--There is a report that the Union Traction Company, which President McCulloch, of Anderson, is extending, has opened negotiations for the purchase of the interurban line between Terre Haute and Brazil, owned by the Terre Haute Electric Company. It is said to be wanted for a link in the line which is building west from Indianapolis on the National road and ultimately is to be part of a trunk line from Indianapolis to St. Louis.

## OLD CITIZEN DEAD

APPOXY ENDING THE LIFE OF DR. GEORGE WHITE SLOAN.

Fatal Illness Began Oct. 25 with the First Seizure and His Condition Had Been Critical.

LIFE OF THE UTMOST VALUE

DR. SLOAN TOUCHED CLOSELY THE HEART OF THE CITY.

In Business, Social World and Varied Activities He Was a Figure of Sterling Worth.

CONNECTING LINK WITH PAST

HE SAW INDIANAPOLIS GROW FROM VILLAGE TO METROPOLIS.

President of School Board and Member of National Societies--His Reminiscences of Early Days.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

Dr. George White Sloan, head of the Indianapolis School Board and president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home, 604 North Meridian street. Dr. Sloan was stricken with apoplexy last October, and had rallied since only enough to permit several short walks. Yesterday, while asleep, the second and final stroke came, and death followed in three minutes.

The span of Dr. Sloan's life was an unusually great one. Fifty-five years of business activity on Washington street was a career unequalled in Indianapolis. It was the strongest link of the present generation of the city with the first that made its commercial development. His business life covered the growth of Indianapolis from a city of less than ten thousand persons to one of two hundred thousand; witnessed the beginnings and subsequent progress of the railroads of the city to their present magnitude; in fact, lived to see the city develop from its provincial character to a metropolitan place, and all of the time being a merchant within three hundred feet of one spot in Washington street.

NATIONAL REPUTATION.

Dr. Sloan was a pharmacist of national reputation and his formulas and advice for manufacturing medicines, particularly tinctures, were used liberally in the United States Dispensary. He attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy a short time before the war for the Union, and studied with such celebrated men as Professors Thomas, Proctor and Bridges, and he also took a special course in chemistry with Professor Parrish, who was the father of American pharmacy. He has been for many years lecturer on pharmacy in the Indiana Medical College, which honors him with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy. (These services were never selfish.) Pursuing his studies, he became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and in 1889 and 1890 he was president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and in 1891 he was president of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Among these friendships were so great as those of Joseph R. Remington, of Philadelphia, author of the "Pharmaceutical Dictionary," the "vogue" for many years and still so, and the recognized head of American pharmacy, and John Lloyd, of Cincinnati, author of "Pharmacy" and "Warwick of the Knobs." Mr. Lloyd is a leading chemist of the city, and since Dr. Sloan's affliction he has made many visits to his bedside.

MARRIED IN 1857.

Dr. Sloan was married in this city in 1857 to Miss Caroline Bacon, daughter of Hiram Bacon. Mrs. Sloan and three children--George B. Sloan, Mary A. Sloan and Frank T. Sloan--survive him and were at his bedside at his death.

For a year past preliminary indications of apoplexy were apparent. Oct. 25 last Dr. Sloan was stricken down and taken to his home. His death was unexpected, still it came so suddenly yesterday that it proved a shock. The hand of death first showed itself in the morning, when Dr. Sloan was never recovered as more than temporary. Several times he made a short rally from his home--where he had lived for thirty years--but never was there a hope of recovery. His death was unexpected, still it came so suddenly yesterday that it proved a shock. The hand of death first showed itself in the morning, when Dr. Sloan was never recovered as more than temporary. Several times he made a short rally from his home--where he had lived for thirty years--but never was there a hope of recovery.

STREET CAR SERVICE.

The sleet which began falling in the morning made matters very unpleasant for street car passengers, and also for railroad traffic. The sleet covered the rails and would not allow good electric current connection with the rails. On many of the street car lines cars went "dead." Motor men and conductors with the use of switch hooks were seen scraping the rails for several feet ahead of their cars. They would then run on ahead for several feet and then crush the ice that had caked on the tracks. The work proved futile until the large electric sweepers from the company's barns made their appearance. They swept the rails clean of the ice and the cars went on their way. The sleet was so heavy that it was not until the afternoon that the tracks were so covered and the cars were again started. The regular schedule was badly disrupted. Several times during the afternoon and evening it was no uncommon sight to see Washington street bare of street cars. It looked like a town where such conveniences were unknown. Little knots of people stood about on street corners shielding themselves with umbrellas while they waited for belated street cars. In some cases they waited for an hour.

THE RAILROAD TRAFFIC WAS SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED.

The railroad traffic was seriously disrupted also by the sleet. Trains were reported to be delayed in many instances. Some of those that arrived early in the evening were delayed by the sleet, and some of those that had run through the snow slide. Firemen and engineers reported that the weather was about as severe. They said they were totally unable to make time with their trains.

HARD ON HORSES.

Horses were driven in the morning had great difficulty in keeping their equilibrium on account of the smooth condition of the improved streets, due to the heavy fall of sleet. In many instances horses were seen lying on the street, while their drivers stood over them, making strenuous efforts to bring the animals to their feet. Blacksmith shops were opened in several parts of the city, but they did little work. The great wind that accompanied the sleet and snow badly impaired the telephone and telegraph lines. The Associated Press wires were badly crippled in the early evening, and the message was not in getting started into this city. The local telephone lines seemed crippled badly. In many cases it was reported that the lines were put out of commission entirely.

But few people ventured out either yesterday or last night. The streets were entirely deserted. The storm had a marked effect on the attendance in many of the churches. Last night the snow continued to fall.

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## DEADLOCK COULD NOT BE BROKEN IN ALEXANDER CASE.

Eight Voted Steadily for Acquittal, but Four Held Out to the End for Conviction.

HOW THE BALLOTS WERE TAKEN

HOURS IN THE JURY ROOM WEARISOME AND NERVE-RACKING.

Jurors Who Believed in Dr. Alexander's Innocence Pleaded to No Purpose with the Others.

NEW TRIAL WILL BE ORDERED

IT MAY BE DELAYED, HOWEVER, FOR AT LEAST A MONTH.

Probable Result of the Jury's Action Upon Others Under Conviction--Opinions Expressed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

Dr. Joseph C. Alexander's status in the community is unchanged. He is neither the convicted felon of the previous case of complicity with ghouls and neither is he wholly absolved from the accusations made against him by the state's attorney, which were not substantiated sufficiently to secure his conviction by the jury of twelve men which has tried him for two weeks in the Criminal Court. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, after deliberating since the same hour Friday morning, the jury reported through its foreman, William H. Gimble, that it had not arrived at a verdict and undoubtedly would be unable to do so, and it was discharged from further service by Special Judge John M. Bailey. The disagreement was not a surprise. To Alexander and his attorneys it came as expected, and the only fact about which they were curious was as to the standing of the jury when the final ballot was taken.

After the jury had reported through Foreman Gimble, who said, "We have been unable to reach an agreement and it is my opinion that a verdict from this jury is impossible," an effort was made to find how the jury had voted on the last ballot, taken early yesterday morning. The vote stood: For acquittal--C. T. Faulkner, Thomas W. Brown, Harry L. Davis, Harry A. Elckmann, William H. Gimble, John B. Pasquier and Robert Linscense. For conviction--Timothy Husey, William J. Lister, Stephen Cook and James D. White. There were four jurors on a finding of guilty and eight for a verdict of not guilty.

WAITING FOR THE VERDICT.

The jury was called from its room at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Judge Bailey, who had sent it back for further deliberation at 5 o'clock on the day preceding. The jury came downstairs and faced the small crowd of men in the courtroom, there to hear the report. Dr. Alexander, with his attorneys, Henry N. Spain, Martin Hugg and John O. Spahr, and the attorneys for the State, John C. Ruckelshaus and Charles Benedict, were present. Fully twenty or thirty newspaper reporters and deputy sheriffs were in the courtroom, and the jury came downstairs and faced the small crowd of men in the courtroom, there to hear the report. Dr. Alexander, with his attorneys, Henry N. Spain, Martin Hugg and John O. Spahr, and the attorneys for the State, John C. Ruckelshaus and Charles Benedict, were present. Fully twenty or thirty newspaper reporters and deputy sheriffs were in the courtroom, and the jury came downstairs and faced the small crowd of men in the courtroom, there to hear the report.

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